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In re Application

Inventor(s): Steve Mitchell

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REPLACEMENT IMPLANT WITH
CROSSBAR SPACER AND METHOD



PATENT APPLICATION

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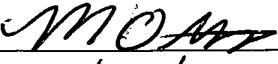
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Office Action dated April 17, 2006. A Declaration of Steve Mitchell (with Exhibits A-D) accompanies this Reply. Please change the Attorney Docket number for this application to SFMTD-05008US1.

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 14.